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Dear Sir/Madam,

I support the basic strategy of the Draft Plan, which is based on sustainability. However, I strongly disagree with the inclusion of Thrussington for housing development because the village does not meet the sustainability criteria set by the Council. In particular there is no public transport serving the village and consequently it cannot be defined as a sustainable settlement. For this reason the Draft Plan is UNSOUND in respect of Thrussington.

The Plan acknowledges that development proposals for Thrussington were included late on in the process because the initial strategy didn't provide enough housing allocations. The strategic transport assessment allowed for 60 homes on Old Gate Road and nothing for Hoby Road. There is no evidence to support the increase in numbers from 60 to 90. Further some information in the Draft Plan is factually incorrect, exemplified by references to public transport and a GP surgery in East Goscote.

I acknowledge that the village primary school does have some capacity but this is the only sustainability criteria met by the village. There are very few employment opportunities, the nearest bus stop is 2km away in Rearsby, the nearest GP is 6km away in Syston and the nearest convenience store is 3.5km away in East Goscote. Climate change policy requires new development to be within 400m of a bus stop, clearly this is not met in Thrussington.

I fully support the other objections set out in the Parish Council report. In particular traffic is a major concern and increasing the size of the village by circa 40% is only going to exacerbate the highway issues identified in the Adopted Neighbourhood Plan. This significant increase in the number of homes in the village will have a major adverse effect on the character and appearance of the village as stated by the planning inspector who oversaw the last major planning appeal in the village.

No detailed appraisals have been undertaken to assess the suitability of the village to take significant housing development. If this work had been undertaken it is clear to me (as a retired planner) that Thrussington would NOT have been selected as a suitable settlement. It does NOT even meet the sustainability criteria set out by Charnwood Council itself and for this reason alone the Draft Plan is UNSOUND.

I would welcome the opportunity to appear at the public inquiry.

Regards

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